



CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES
WATER USE AND EFFICIENCY BRANCH

**Notice of Public Comment Period on Draft Funding Recommendations
2012 Agricultural Water Use Efficiency Proposal Solicitation
Agricultural Water Management Plan Preparation Proposals**

In November 2012, the Department of Water Resources (DWR) received 54 proposals in response to the 2012 Proposition 50 Agricultural Water Use Efficiency Proposal Solicitation Package (PSP).

Approximately \$23.9 million in grant funding was requested for proposed projects totaling over \$42.9 million. DWR has approximately \$15 million available for this solicitation. The 54 applications received include 14 proposals for implementation projects and 40 applications for non-implementation projects, of which 21 proposals for Research and Development/ Feasibilities/ Pilots/ Demos, 16 proposals for Training/ Education/ Outreach, and three Agricultural Water Management Plan (AWMP) Preparation proposals.

This draft funding recommendation covers only those grant applications for the preparation of AWMPs. DWR intends to expedite the review and awarding process for applications requesting funding for AWMP preparation. This will allow applicants prepare and submit their AWMPs in a timely manner. Per SB X7-7, agricultural water suppliers that provide water to greater than 25,000 irrigated acres, excluding recycled water, are required to adopt an AWMP no later than December 31, 2012 and submit it to DWR within 30 days of adoption. Suppliers that provide water to more than 10,000 but less than 25,000 irrigated acres are only required to adopt and submit a plan when sufficient funding has specifically been provided to them for the purpose.

In order to encourage agricultural suppliers prepare their plans, the PSP allocated \$2 million for AWMP preparation proposals with a \$50,000 cap per plan. The three AWMP proposals received are requesting a total of \$150,000 in grant funding. The proposals have been reviewed and are all being recommended to be awarded funding as shown in Attachment A.

Grant applicants and the general public can submit comments on the draft funding recommendations. Comments must be received by 5:00 p.m. on January 2, 2013. Please e-mail comments to AgWUE@water.ca.gov.

Or by mail to

Department of Water Resources
Water Use and Efficiency Branch
Attn: Fethi BenJemaa
901 P Street, Third Floor
Sacramento, California 95814

For more information, please contact Fethi BenJemaa at (916) 651-7025 or by e-mail at jemaa@water.ca.gov.

Attachment A

Proposition 50 Grants – 2012 Agricultural Water Use Efficiency Proposal Solicitation
Agricultural Water Management Plan (AWMP) Preparation Proposals
Proposal Rank and Draft Grant Awards

Proposal Number	Proposal Rank	Applicant	Project Title	Grant Requested	Total Project Cost	Proposed Grant Award
2012AWUE0023	1	Semitropic Water Storage District	Agricultural Water Management Plan	\$50,000	\$137,822	\$50,000
2012AWUE0021	1	North Kern Water Storage District	Agricultural Water Management Plan and SBx7-7 Compliance Project	\$50,000	\$105,328	\$50,000
2012AWUE0020	3	Buena Vista Water Storage District	Agricultural Water Management Plan and SBx7-7 Compliance	\$50,000	\$147,168	\$50,000
Total				\$150,000	\$390,318	\$150,000